

Protecting Your Finances

Every year, my office receives millions of dollars in unclaimed property for a variety of reasons, including names being misspelled or outdated addresses. I safeguard these funds in the Great lowa Treasure Hunt until an owner or heir comes forward to claim them. By reviewing and updating your financial information regularly throughout the year, you can ensure your accounts remain active and prevent your assets from becoming unclaimed property.

Not only should you review your checking and savings accounts, but don't forget about credit history and credit scores! Reviewing these often will help you detect inaccurate or incomplete information. You should report any disputes or inaccurate items directly to the credit reporting agency and <u>place a fraud alert or freeze</u> on your account. Iowans can regularly review their credit reports for unfamiliar activity using free credit reports from Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, available at <u>AnnualCreditReport.com</u>.

By monitoring your accounts and assets, you can gain a greater understanding of your credit position and the status of your money, helping you achieve a lifetime of financial wellbeing. By taking all of these steps, you can make sure your finances remain where they're supposed to. See if you have any unclaimed property by visiting greatlowaTreasureHunt.gov.

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Annual Credit Report